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IAP TASK FORCE REPORTS PROGRESS

Job Survey Nearing Completion

To ensure individual career development its proper role as an integral part of the Library's personnel program and to identify career paths for advancement, Robert W. Hutchison, Director of Personnel, last year established the Task Force on the Development of the Library of Congress Individual Advancement Program. [See LC *Information Bulletin* November 18, 1971, p. 644].

With the cooperation and assistance of all departments of the Library, without which the Task Force could not have successfully operated, complete inventories have now been made of all jobs in the Law Library, Congressional Research Service, Reference Department, Administrative Department and the Librarian's Office. This information is now being assembled in chart form, according to the divisional structure of the Library, each slot bearing a title, the number of positions of that description within the division, a code reflecting the requirements in education, skills, experience, and languages, and a number indicating the average rate of turnover in the position. Charts for the Law Library and Congressional Research Service have been completed and photographed; information for the Reference and Administrative Departments are being put on boards for photographing; information for the Processing Department, which is about 90 percent complete, will be photographed by May 31; and the inventory of the Copyright Office is being made.

When all the charts are complete, photographs will be posted in prominent and accessible locations in Library buildings so that employees will be able to see lateral and upward career opportunities within and across division and department lines. Through this visual identification training needs will become evident; individual employees will see how they should prepare themselves for career advancement and will see chances to apply for vacant positions not previously considered. The Library itself will be able to determine more accurately what short and long range training programs are needed to encourage upward mobility.

An employee in a GS-5 position, for example, will be able to locate and identify positions calling for skills similar to his own in his own department and in other departments. He can also locate and identify, by means of the charts, positions at the GS-6 and higher levels and determine what experience, skills, and training he must have to qualify for consideration.

The first phase of the Task Force's program is now nearly completed. The second phase, which will involve orientation and supervisory training, revision of Library of Congress Regulations, development of additional training programs, and related matters, will be underway in the near future. The LC *Information Bulletin* will report on its progress from time to time.

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NPAC LISTS OVER 500,000 TITLES

As of April 5, the Shared Cataloging Division had cataloged more than half a million new titles under the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging (NPAC). This count includes titles selected by the Library of Congress and by other cooperating research libraries.

Begun in the spring of 1966, NPAC was based on the premise that, if a book has been adequately cataloged by the national bibliography of its country of origin, the description should be accepted as the basis of the LC entry. The Shared Cataloging Division was established in July 1966 and initially worked with the entries provided by the *British National Bibliography*. It now covers 24 national bibliographies.

NUC HITS FOUR MILLION MARK

On Tuesday, March 28, Pan American flight 106 carried the four millionth entry for the *National Union Catalog* (NUC) *Pre-1956 Imprints* to Mansell publishers in London. The NUC Publication Project, begun in 1966 and expected to be complete in 1976, will eventually comprise nearly 600 volumes containing some 10 million entries. The catalog will provide comprehensive coverage of books, pamphlets, government documents, maps, music, and serials (published before 1956) reported to NUC and will also include all pre-1956 material represented by LC printed cards. The first 194 volumes of the catalog (through the letter G) have already been published.

WORKER FATALLY INJURED IN MADISON BUILDING ACCIDENT

Hubert H. Honeycutt, 50, of Baltimore, was fatally injured on April 24 in a fall at the construction site of the James Madison Memorial Building.

Mr. Honeycutt, a carpenter for the Henry A. Knott Co., and another worker were erecting steel wall forms when Mr. Honeycutt tried to step from one steel form flange to another, missed his footing, and fell 13 feet striking his head before landing below.

A D.C. Fire Board ambulance took Mr. Honeycutt to Rogers Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

DELAYED BROADCASTS

Contemporary Chamber Ensemble

On Friday evening, May 12, at 8:30 p.m., Station WGMS of Washington, D.C., will air a delayed broadcast of a concert of vocal and instrumental chamber music featuring the Contemporary Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Arthur Weisberg. The concert was sponsored by the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation in the Library of Congress, and held on March 24, 1972, in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library.

Works on the program include Ancient Voices of Children, for soprano, boy soprano, dancers and seven instrumentalists, composed by George Crumb in 1970 and commissioned by the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation in the Library of Congress; Dumbarton Oaks Concerto by Igor Stravinsky; Variations on a Theme by M. B. Tolson by Thomas Jefferson Anderson, Jr.; and Quartet in two movements by Stefan Wolpe.

Consultant in Poetry Lecture

On May 13 at 10:30 p.m., WGMS will present a delayed broadcast of a lecture given at the Library on

May 1 by **Josephine Jacobsen**, 1971-72 and 1972-73 Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress. Mrs. Jacobsen's topic was "From Anne to Marianne: Some Women in American Poetry."

1972 SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN GETS UNDERWAY AT LIBRARY

During May the Library of Congress will join other Federal agencies in the 1972 Savings Bond Campaign. Elliott C. Finley, Assistant Chief of the Central Services Division, has been appointed Library of Congress Chairman.

Within the next few weeks each staff member will have an opportunity to participate on a voluntary basis. Each person will be visited by a keyworker who will explain the importance of the bonds to the individual employee, assist in planning savings programs, and help in filling out appropriate authorization forms.

The goals of the "Take Stock in America '72" Campaign are to increase the number of Library employees who are taking advantage of bond purchases as a means of saving; invite all present buyers to increase their savings; and call attention to the new interest rate of 5 1/2 percent for Series E Bonds when held to maturity and the tax advantages of Savings Bonds purchases over some other forms of systematic saving.

The Department Chairmen for the campaign are Sandra Turner, Office of the Librarian; Lawrence S. Robinson, Administrative Department; Eric S. Reid, Copyright Office; William L. Richardson, Congressional Research Service; Ivan Sipkov, Law Library; Peter H. Bridge, Processing Department; and Emma S. Keyes, Reference Department.

At the April 12 Government-wide Kick-Off Rally were Mr. Finley and Mrs. Doris E. Pierce, Assistant Employee Relations Officer, standing beside Honorary Chairmen, Tony Randall and Jack Klugman, both stars of ABC-TV's "The Odd Couple."

LC STUDIES NAME REFERENCES

The Library of Congress is actively exploring methods of automating name reference information in bibliographic catalogs and distributing it in various forms. Because name references enable catalog users to search for the alternative forms of an established name and link related names, the ready availability of such data would be of great benefit to libraries.

The plan for automating LC technical processing activities provides for the development of reference control files for headings used in MARC records. This data base will make possible fully automated production of book catalogs and lay the foundation for an authority file to be used eventually in on-line cataloging. At present, analyses are being made of the requirements for computer file organization of such a data base. It is hoped that the name reference data base can be initiated by the latter part of 1973.

The Library is also considering the feasibility of distributing name reference information with MARC records. General guidelines for this service were developed at a meeting with selected MARC users last August (see LC *Information Bulletin*, September 16, 1971). Further expansion of the MARC Distribution Service to include reference data depends on the progress of design and developmental work on the Multiple Use MARC System (MUMS) and the core bibliographic system for technical processing.

To meet immediate needs for reference information and to make it available to libraries not involved in automation, serious consideration is being given to publishing reference data as part of the LC book catalog series. According to present plans, the proposed catalog would include established name headings and their associated reference tracings only if they were new or revised; authority data and headings without references would be excluded. The publication would appear in three quarterly issues and an annual cumulation. The Library is now seeking a means to fund this project which would satisfy a long-felt need in the library community.

Staff members from the Buildings Services Section who work on early shifts are (l-r) Lillian Staples, Isadore Singletary, Isabel Slater, Lillie Price, Martha White, Lillie Carey, Edith McCray, Clara Shackelford, and Ora Mitchell. (Not pictured are Mary Colbert and Henrietta White)

LIBRARY'S PUBLIC FACES
Women Who Make an Impact

The Library of Congress' public services give thousands of tourists and readers their first and often lasting impression of the Library. Among the important "public faces" of the Library are the elevator operators and the women who maintains the check stand. The good will dispensed by these helpful LC employees to weary and sometimes irritable tourists and to confused readers has been pointed out on numerous occasions through personal thanks and letters to the Librarian.

Mrs. Mary Colbert supervises the 16 staff members of the Buildings Service Section, a part of the Buildings Management Office in the Administrative Department. She has been with the Library for 28 years and supervisor of the Section since 1963. Her success in raising a family of nine as well as in her work has been reported in the *Information Bulletin*, August 19, 1971, p. 473. Mrs. Martha White has been Assistant Section Supervisor since 1969. She has the dual responsibility of assisting in the office and working at various posts with other staff members.

Working schedules are divided into two major shifts–7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 1 to 9:30 p.m. The women alternate on a monthly basis among five posts. The posts, all located in the Main Building, are the check stand at the Ground Floor Entrance, two elevators at the front of the building, and deck elevators 6 and 7 at the rear of the building. Those who work the 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift are Mrs. Lillie Carey, Mrs. Edith McCray, Mrs. Ora Mitchell, Mrs. Lillie Price, Mrs. Clara Shackelford, and Mrs. Lillian Staples. Those working the 1 to 9:30 p.m. shift are Mrs. Frances Andrews, Mrs. Juanita Holloway, Mrs. Emma Luckett, Mrs. Alice Shanklin, Mrs. Vivian Tobias, Clara Young, and Mrs. Rosie Young. Mrs. Isadora Singletary and Mrs. Isabel Slater are at their posts from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Henrietta White works a special shift from 5:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in order to provide early morning elevator service for the Congressional pages who attend the Page School.

Mrs. White brings a lot of "gladness and joy" to her work, an attribute which has been noted by many with whom she has come in contact. A group of employees who work on deck 37 and deck A has commented that "it is amazing the effect that one person can have on so many lives in a few seconds it takes to ride from the bottom floor to the top deck of the Library." A researcher who has been coming to the Library for four years comments on the fine work the elevator operators are doing, writing, "A cheerful disposition can start a day off right for a lot of individuals using the Library of Congress."

Each post has a different kind of clientele. The elevators in the front of the building are used primarily by tourists and employees while the rear deck elevators are used most frequently by readers with stack study desks or by employees.

(l-r) Vivian Tobias, Rosie Young, Juanita Holloway, Francis Andrews, and Clara Young from the Buildings Services Section watch while Emma Luckett and Alice Shanklin assist a visitor at the check stand.

Intuition seems to be a strong characteristic of the elevator operators, particularly when tourists are involved. Several operators noted that tourists frequently enter the elevator in silence expecting to be taken to wherever or whatever it is that they are supposed to see and they are invariably taken to the Visitor's Gallery. In contrast, there are visitors who have a list of unending questions. The elevator operators try to be as helpful as possible, but when the line of questioning becomes very specialized they refer visitors to an area of the Library where they will receive assistance. Employees and readers alike appreciate how quickly the elevator operators get to know them and their destinations.

Running an elevator has its hazards. From time to time one will get stuck. The operators know that help will be on the way in a short time. Those riding the elevators, however, need the reassurance which the operators give at this time in a confident and understanding manner.

Each operator must pass a test to be licensed to run an elevator in the District of Columbia. The license is renewed every three years.

Two women at a time are assigned to the check stand. They are responsible for checking coats, hats, umbrellas, and briefcases. Packages containing food or breakables, such as cameras, cannot be checked. While working at the check stand, the women also collate material for the Congressional Research Service, the Personnel Office, the Welfare and Recreation Association, and occasionally the Credit Union. During the Christmas season they assist the Information and Publications offices by, packaging the greeting cards which are sold at the Information Counter.

The majority of staff members in the Buildings Services Section have been with the Library for over five years. The experience and enthusiasm they bring to their work has been, and continues to be, a great asset to the Library of Congress.

STAFF NEWS

RETIREMENT

Nathan N. Mendeloff, Assistant Head of the National Union Catalog Publication Project, retired on April 30 after 24 years of service with the Library.

A native of New York City, Mr. Mendeloff was educated at Long Island University, New York University (B.A., 1937), and the Catholic University of America (M.S. in library science, 1954). He joined the Library staff as an Exchange Accessioner in February 1948 after five years with business firms and six years with the armed forces. Later the same year he was promoted to Head of the Receiving and Routing Section in the Exchange and Gift Division. In June 1951 he became an Editorial Assistant in the former Serial Record Section of the Order Division, and in April 1953 he became a Subject Cataloger in the former East European Accessions List project. He moved to the former Catalog Maintenance Division in September 1957 as Assistant Editor of Catalog Publications and Assistant Head of the Cumulative Catalog Section and in September 1962 became Editor and Head. From December 1962 to mid-March 1963 he also served as Acting Division Chief. In February 1967 he was promoted to the position he occupied when he retired.

Mr. Mendeloff received an Incentive Award in 1963 for his performance as Acting Chief of the Catalog Maintenance Division. Just a week before his retirement he was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin by William J. Welsh, Director of the Processing Department.

As Assistant Head of the National Union Catalog

Project Mr. Mendeloff carried a heavy load of administrative work, made more complicated by the physical separation of the activities of the Project and by a tight budget. His ability and industry were outstanding. His cheerful and friendly spirit and a well-developed sense of humor made him a host of friends.

With his usual modesty, Mr. Mendeloff asked that his retirement not be marked by any special events but his colleagues presented him with a gift of luggage on his departure. He will not be idle during the coming years, having accepted a less strenuous position in the University of Maryland library.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Rosie Marie Anderson, assistant electrostatic print operator, GT-3, Photodup, OP8-100; Eugene R. Boswell, clerk, GT-3, Photodup, OP9-100; Nancy J. Haldeman, motion picture assistant, GS-4, P&P, OP600-14; Mrs. Peggy A. Osborne, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, OP500-10; Clement W. Robinson, special policeman (private), Bldgs, PA2596; Mrs. Brenda E. Walters, clerk-typist, GS-2, Cat Publ, OP500-10; Mrs. Ellen B. Yaffa, shelflister trainee, GS-5, Subj Cat, PA2557.

Temporary Appointment: Mrs. Irene T. Watson, editorial assistant, GS-4, CRS F, J2721f.

Reappointment: Richard E. Jackson, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP4-600.

Promotions: Maurel L. Allen, CRS L, to motion picture assistant, GS-4, P&P, OP600-14; Mrs. Marie Alverson, to accounting clerk, GS-5, Cop Serv, PC2614; Jill T. Fraver, to clerk-typist, GS-5, Cop Serv, PC2613; Michael Haney, to accounting clerk, GS-5, Cop Serv, PC2614; Mrs. Nana M. Hickenbottom, to reviewer, GS-9, Subj Cat, PF2678; Edith Mae Howard, to computer aid, GS-6, ISO, PB2449; Jerry L. Kearns, to head, Reference Section, GS-12, P&P, NP; Mrs. Mary McFadden, to clerk-typist, GS-5, Cop Serv, PC2613; Carl N. Riggleman, CRS Ed, to library technician, GS-5, DBPH, J2681f; Guy Ross, CMO, to general equipment operator, WG-5, Bldgs, F-2685.

Transfers: Judy Bacon, S&R, to processing assistant, GS-3, Desc Cat, J2672; Mary Kathryn Faulds, Cop Serv, to clerk, GS-1, Cop Cat, NP; Bennie R. Goodman, Share Cat, to motion picture assistant, GS-4, P&P, OP600-14.

Resignations: Johan T. Benson, CRS SPR; Anne E. Ellis, S&R; Mrs. Barbara Jean Frazier, Photodup; Nancy E. Holcombe, CRS C; Mrs. Kathleen T. Peterson, Cop Serv; Gail D. Triner, CRS D; Wen-pu Yang, Orien.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Library of Congress Professional Association** will present Milton Kaplan, Curator of Historic Prints in the Prints and Photographs Division, speaking on "Prints, Photographs, and Problems" on Wednesday, May 10, at noon in the Whittall Pavilion.

The Library distributed **payroll checks** to 608 staff members for delayed within-grade increases on April 18. These increases had been delayed due to the 90-day freeze period from August 15 to November 14, 1971. The payments were made in compliance with decision B-173976 by the Comptroller General of the United States on February 23.

Paul M. Hibschman and **Jenny Heath Savage** were married on April 22 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in the District of Columbia. Mr. Hibschman is Staff Assistant to the Assistant Director for Processing Services in the Processing Department, and Mrs. Hibschman is an art teacher in the District of Columbia. They reside in Washington, D.C.

NOTEWORTHY ACQUISITIONS

Chinese Journals Note Archaeological Discoveries

The first issues of two newly-reactivated scholarly journals from the People's Republic of China have been received by the Library of Congress. Their reappearance after five years apparently signals the revival of academic publishing which had virtually ceased with the outbreak of the Great Cultural Revolution in 1966. They are the January 1972 issues of the profusely illustrated (some in color) monthly *Wen wu* (Journal of Museums and Relics) and the bimonthly *K'ao ku* (Archaeology), edited and published in Peking. Both of these Chinese language journals contain articles and reports pertaining to artifacts unearthed and historical sites investigated by archaeological teams.

The *Wen wu* contains articles and descriptions of bronzes and jades of the Shang Dynasty (ca. 1523 B.C.-ca. 1028 B.C.); mortuary figurines of the Northern Ch'i Dynasty (550-577 A.D.), excavated in Anyang, Honan; inscribed documents, silk and linen textiles discovered in Turfan (present Sinkiang Uighur

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Autonomous Region, along the Silk Route of the T'ang Dynasty, 618-906 A.D.); and gold and silver utensils, ceramics and coins of the T'ang Dynasty unearthed in Sian.

Of particular interest is a color plate of two exquisite garments—one for a man and the other for a woman—made of jade pieces strung together by gold threads. Dated 206 B.C.-24 A.D., these were discovered in 1968 in a Western Han underground mausoleum in Man-ch'eng, Hopeh Province, and were on exhibit when President and Mrs. Nixon visited Peking in February.

The *K'ao ku* is a sister publication also devoted to archaeological expeditions and excavations. The present issue contains an excellent summary of the important discoveries during the Cultural Revolution. In addition, there are articles on a fragmentary manuscript of the Confucian Analects, made in 710 A.D. by a 12-year old school boy; highlights of the excavation of a Han tomb in Man-ch'eng, Hopeh; a study of the site of Cambaluc, the capital of the Mongol Empire, which was built in 1267 A.D. near modern Peking; the neolithic culture of Tibet; and a Northern Ch'i Dynasty (550-577 A.D.) tomb discovered in 1970. [*K. T. Wu*]

1778 Russian Newspaper Reports American Revolution

The Library of Congress has recently acquired a copy of the December 7, 1778, issue of *Sanktpeterburgskiia viedomosti*, one of two newspapers then published in the Russian Empire in the Russian language. The 8-page issue reports events connected with the American Revolution, details of German affairs, the perfection of a new microscope by a French optical expert, and a Russian provincial celebration of Catherine II's recovery from a disease. Of special interest are the three pages in the issue devoted to the American Revolution, including letters from royalist sources in New York claiming that many people in Philadelphia were in favor of peace with Britain "in order to escape tyranny," and accounts of French naval actions against the British.

Published under the sponsorship of the Academy of Sciences, the *Sanktpeterburgskiia viedomosti* had a circulation of approximately 1,172, as reported in a major Soviet bibliography of 18th-century publications. The figure emphasizes the restricted role of newspapers in Russia during that period when contrasted with the claim made in 1778 by the *Connecticut Courant* of Hartford that each of 37 newspapers published in America had a circulation of 8,000.

The Library has a number of other issues of the *Sanktpeterburgskiia viedomosti* for various years since its founding in 1728. These copies, as well as the recently acquired 1778 issue, are now in the Rare Book Division. [*Robert V. Allen*]

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Genealogies in the Library of Congress; a Bibliography (2 vol., 1,800 p.), the culmination of four years work, was published in April by the Magna Carta Book Co., Baltimore. This publication, which is the third edition of the bibliography in book form (previous book editions, 1910 and 1919; microform edition, 1954), consists of 40,000 entries describing family histories in the Library's collections. The entries are those which comprise the Local History and Genealogy Room's basic card catalog or "Family Name Index."

The new bibliography may soon be consulted in the Local History and Genealogy Room, the Main Reading Room, and the Thomas Jefferson Room at the Library of Congress. Copies of *Genealogies in the Library of Congress* may be purchased from the Magna Carta Book Co., 5502 Magnolia Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21215 for $125 a set. [*Thomas E. Wilgus*]

The first issue of *Deutsche Forschungsberichte* (German Research Reports) has recently been received by the Library and added to the reference collection in the Science Reading Room. Compiled and published by the leading German library in science and technology, the Technische Informationsbibliothek in Hannover, with support from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, the new publication is more than a local accessions list; it serves as a central announcement for the technical reports currently being issued by college and industrial research institutions in the Federal Republic of Germany. To complement the announcement service, the Technische Informationsbibliothek will sell, on request, roll microfilm copies of single reports announced in the publication. Unfortunately, prices are not listed in the announcement entries.

The pilot issue, which lists some 900 reports received since 1965, does not contain an index, although indexes are promised for future issues, which are scheduled to appear about three or four times a year, depending on the amount of material received. Written mostly in German, the material is arranged under 13 major categories in science and technology;

not included in these categories are certain broad subject areas presumably given adequate coverage elsewhere, such as geo- and astrosciences; mining; aeronautics and astronautics; atomic energy; and biology and agriculture. Excluded by type are doctoral dissertations and publications already available through the book trade. The new service, nevertheless, fills long-standing gaps, including such areas as computer technology and air and water pollution.

Libraries and documentation centers may obtain *Deutsche Forschungsberichte* free of charge by writing to Technische Informationsbibliothek, Abt. Deutsche Forschungsberichte, D-3000 Hannover 1, Welfengarten 1B, Federal Republic of Germany. The same address is given for ordering microfilm copies of announced reports. [*Staffan Rosenborg*]

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. Vol. 63, No. 4. April 1972. (pp. 213-303.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at 45 cents this issue or $6.50 a year, domestic, and $8.25 a year, foreign.

Press Releases: No. 72-27 (April 25) Women in American poetry to be subject of talk by Josephine Jacobsen at Library of Congress on May 1.

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

AAS Meets in New York City

The Committee on South Asian Libraries and Documentation and the Executive Committee of the South Asia Microform Project (coordinated committees which have overlapping membership) convened three meetings in New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel during the recent convention of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS). The first meeting, on the evening of March 27, brought together representatives of libraries which are members of the cooperatively-financed South Asia Microform Project, a program to microfilm scarce resources related to South Asia for deposit in the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago. New priority lists of materials to be filmed and options for extending the privilege of membership in the project to institutions in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon were discussed. There was agreement among the representatives that the stockpile of available resources is growing commendably although too little bibliographical information has been broadcast about current holdings. It was agreed that the opportunity for membership in the program should be extended to institutions in South Asia and that steps should be taken in that direction. Those present also expressed interest in increasingly cooperative relationships with other groups interested in microform acquisition and storage, such as the Cooperative African Microfilm Project (CAMP).

On Tuesday, March 28, the Committee on South Asian Libraries and Documentation (CONSALD), the subcommittee for library concerns appointed by the South Asian Regional Council of the Association for Asian Studies, met in executive session. Among the items on the agenda were (1) a proposed survey of members of the Public Law 480 Procurement Program for South Asia and (2) a projected conference of representatives of participants in PL 480 and other programs aimed at developing the national stock of resources available for scholarly research on South Asia. CONSALD elected a new chairman, N. Gerald Barrier (Department of History, University of Missouri), to succeed Louis A. Jacob (Head, Southern Asia Section, Orientalia Division, Library of Congress) who retired after three years as chairman of SAMP executive committee and CONSALD.

The third meeting on the evening of March 28 was an open seminar to discuss methods and problems related to the management of PL 480 materials coming from South Asia. [*Louis A. Jacob*]

FLC Holds Workshops in Massachusetts

The Federal Library Committee (FLC) recently held two workshops at the Adams National Historic Site, Quincy, Mass. On April 17-18, approximately 30 librarians from Federal and public libraries in New England gathered to consider general topics of mutual concern, and on April 19-20, a group discussed substantive problems of library automation.

Both workshops were held in the stone library located in the northeast corner of the "Old House" garden. The library was used by the third and fourth generation of Adamses and holds books belonging to Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams. A special treat for all participants were tours of the property conducted by Mrs. Wilhelmina S. Harris who has served for many years as Park Manager. Because of her personal association with the Adams family she was able to comment in a very intimate way about furnishings and fittings in the "Old House" and in the library.

The automation workshop was directed by Susan Geddes, National Library of Medicine, who was assisted by a staff of four experts. Basil Doudnikoff, Dataflow Systems, Inc. spoke to the allied technologies of microform and COM. Laurence Papier, U.S. Office of Education, discussed the librarian's relationship to the contract process, types of evaluations, and applicable criteria; methods of weighting were also noted. Captain Joseph W. Price, U.S. Air Force, Cambridge, gave advice on how to evaluate current applications.

Mrs. Barbara Markuson introduced *Guidelines for Library Automation*, a book she authored under contract to the U.S. Office of Education, while associated with System Development Corp. She cited the work as useful to the general library community and not limited to Federal concerns. The original System Development study was described, as was the concept for establishing comprehensive checklists and using the document as a guide. On April 20, a case study was discussed and the handbook shown to be a useful source of practical advice. There was concensus that it would prove a substantial contribution and should be consulted by librarians prior to undertaking automated applications.

Mrs. Markuson also commented on machine-readable data bases. Following a discussion of definitions and types, she directed the group through the areas of structure, modes of access, maintenance and use, and criteria for evaluation.

Federal Library Committee, Workshop on Techniques of Analysis and Evaluation for Library Automation. Left to right: Frank Kurt Cylke, Federal Library Committee; Susan Geddes, National Library of Medicine; Joseph Price, Air Force Cambridge; Basil Doudnikoff, Dataflow Systems, Inc.; Harold O'Neil, U.S. Department of Labor; Dale Shamp, Fort Devens, Mass.; Marie Omara, Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory; Lawrence Papier, U.S. Office of Education; Joseph Shaw, New London Laboratory; Henry Szemplinski, Laurence G. Hanscom Field; Ruth Seidman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Normand Varieur, Pictatinny Arsenal; C. A. Erkert, Naval Air Development Center; Kathleen Myerson, U.S. Civil Service Commission; Eugene Beary, Natick Laboratories; Doris Zimmerman, Federal Reserve Bank; Mary A. Huffer, U.S. Department of the Interior; William Spencer, Naval Air Development Center; Barbara Markuson; and Thomas Hage Parr, New York Public Library.

An on-line demonstration of the National Library of Medicine MEDLINE system concluded the activity.

Rowena Sadler Appointed to AASL Post

Mrs. Rowena S. Sadler has been appointed Assistant Executive Secretary of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association and an associated organization of the National Education Association. Mrs. Sadler will be in charge of the AASL Washington office.

For the past two years, Mrs. Sadler has been Assistant Project Officer at the ALA International Relations Office in Washington. Previously, she served as librarian in the Special Services Library, Quartermaster Center, Fort Lee, Va., and as post librarian there; as post librarian at the Special Services Library, Fort Monroe, Va.; and as interlibrary loan librarian at the U.S. Navy Radiological Defense Laboratory in San Francisco. As a result of changing tours of duty for her husband, who is a retired naval officer, Mrs. Sadler's prior experience has covered a wide range of library service, both in the United States and abroad.

A graduate of Mills College, Mrs. Sadler holds a B.S. degree in library science from Catholic University and is a graduate of the Naval Officer Candidate School for the W.A.V.E. and of the U.S. Naval Communications School.

Latin American Studies Handbook Is Published

The Handbook of Latin American Studies, Vol. 33 (Social Sciences) (x, 542 p.) has recently been published by the University of Florida Press, Gainesville, Fla. The price is $25.

The *Handbook* is a selected and annotated guide to recent publications in anthropology, economics, education, geography, government and international relations, sociology, and bibliography, and general works. The current volume has approximately 5,000 annotated references to the monographic and periodical literature published about Latin America anywhere in the world. The annotations were prepared by 35 contributing editors, each a specialist in his field, and edited in the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress.

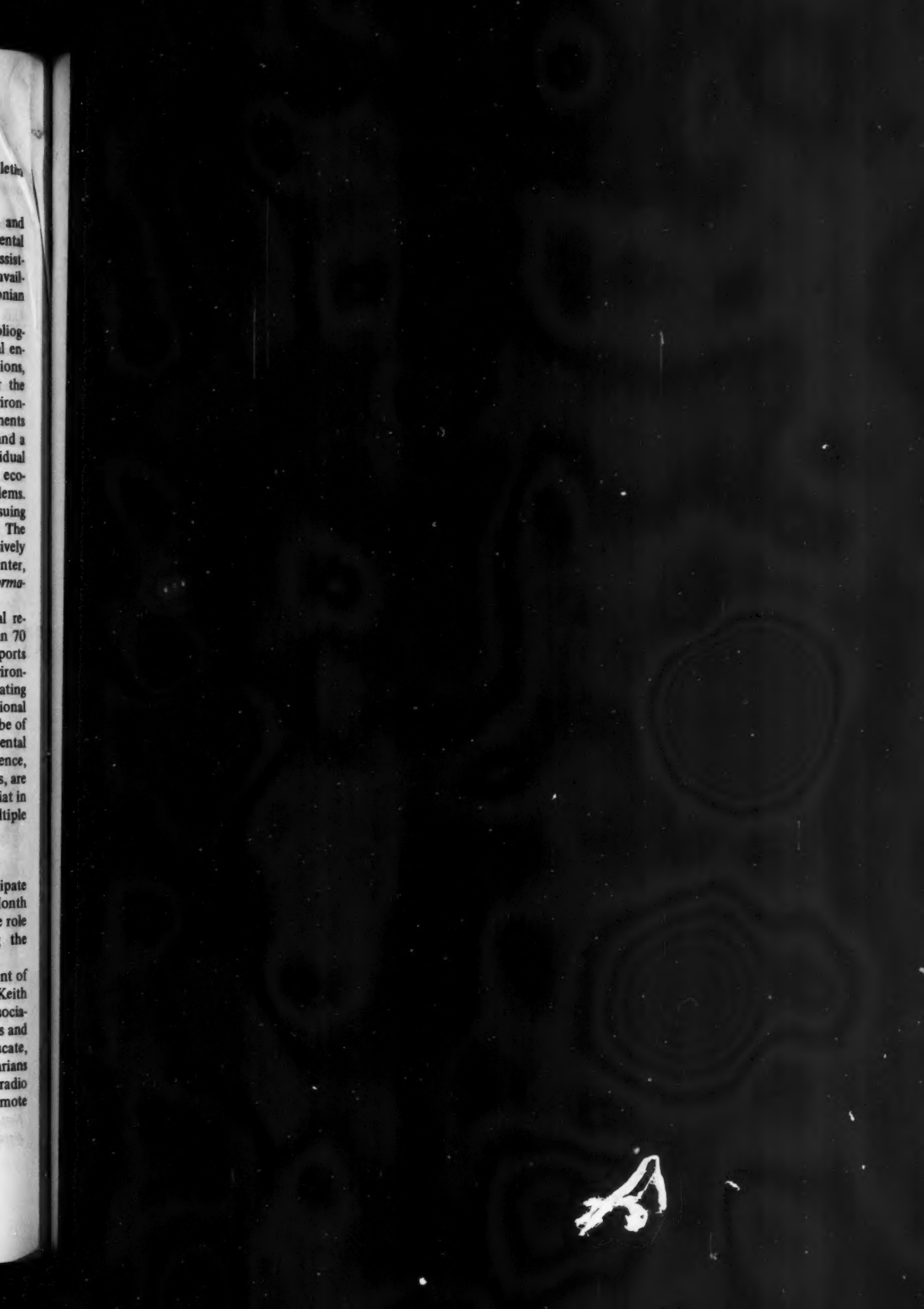
Wilson Center Issues Study of Environment

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars has announced publication of *The Human Environment,* a two-volume work which brings together materials of importance to officials and scholars concerned with international environmental matters. The set, which was printed with the assistance of a grant from the Dow Chemical Co., is available at $5 per volume from the Center, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D.C. 20560.

Volume I consists of a selective annotated bibliography of reports and documents on international environmental problems—papers of the United Nations, including documents issued in preparation for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment to be held in Stockholm this year, documents of numerous other international organizations, and a selection of other official reports and individual works dealing with various social, political, and economic aspects of widespread environmental problems. The bibliography is arranged according to issuing agency with both author and subject indexes. The subject of marine pollution is more extensively covered in an earlier work issued by the Center, *Ocean Affairs Bibliography 1971* [see LC *Information Bulletin,* January 6, p. 10].

Volume II contains full summaries of official reports prepared for the Conference by more than 70 nations and an overall commentary. The reports analyze, in many cases for the first time, environmental problems and priorities of the participating nations and include recommendations for national and international action. The summaries should be of material assistance to scholars and environmental officials as well as to participants of the Conference, since the original reports, which total 3,300 pages, are now available only from the Conference Secretariat in limited copies and diverse formats, including multiple languages.

National Radio Month Observed in May

The nation's libraries have been urged to participate in the annual observance of National Radio Month during May as a way of directing attention to the role of broadcasting in educating and informing the American public.

In a message to Vincent T. Wasilewski, President of the National Association of Broadcasters, Keith Doms, President of the American Library Association, spoke of the common goals of broadcasters and librarians. Both, he said, "seek to inform, to educate, and to entertain the public. In addition . . . librarians in many parts of the country cooperate with radio stations in the production of programs that promote the greater use of libraries."